

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph on page 2, beginning on line 8, as follows:

Jpn. Pat. Appln. KOKAI Publication No. ~~2000-333500~~ 2001-333500 (page 4, FIG. 5) discloses an apparatus which determines whether an input audio signal is a stereo sound or monaural sound. In this document, a software stored in a ROM judges whether the input audio signal is stereo or monaural.